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bathed; their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 233 and bedding 24. Manifests were viséed for 50,560 pieces of freight, amounting to 4,544 tons. Thirty-five cases of human hair, 25 bales of feathers, and 6 cases of personal effects were disinfected with formalin. One vessel was fumigated with sulphur to destroy vermin, and the forecabin washed down with antiseptic solution.

*Emigrants examined.*—Per steamship *Korea* for Honolulu, passed 11, recommended for rejection 37; for San Francisco, passed 1, rejected 6. The emigrants were 7 days in quarantine detention at Ono before embarkation.

*Plague.*—The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show 6 cases of plague with 4 deaths in Kobe.

#### JAVA.

##### BATAVIA—Cholera.

Consul Rairden reports, November 20, 1909:

Palembang, island of Sumatra, is now free from cholera, and cholera conditions in Batavia are improved.

#### MARTINIQUE.

##### Mosquito destruction.

From the Archives Thérapeutique et d'Hygiène Coloniales, December, 1909, quoted in the Bulletin Sanitaire of Algeria:

A permanent service of prophylaxis against yellow fever by the destruction of mosquitoes has been established in the island of Martinique. A notable diminution in the number of house mosquitoes has been observed. No case of yellow fever has been reported in Fort de France or vicinity since March, 1909.

#### MEXICO.

##### Report from the Superior Board of Health of Mexico.

In compliance with articles 1 and 2 of the international sanitary convention held at Washington October 14, 1905, the acting president of the superior board of health of Mexico reports, January 10, that no case of yellow fever and no death from the said disease was registered in the Mexican Republic during the week ended January 8, 1910, and that the prophylactic measures against yellow fever reported September 28, 1908, continue to be carried out.

##### COATZACOALCOS—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thompson reports, January 6:

Week ended January 5. Vessels inspected: January 1, steamship *J. M. Guffey*. January 3, steamship *San Cristobal* for Port Arthur via Veracruz.

#### RUSSIA.

##### ST. PETERSBURG—Plague in the Government of Astrakhan.

The following is received from Chargé d'Affaires Schuyler, under date of December 21, through the Department of State:

The ministry for foreign affairs states that the district of Kamych-Samar of the Kirghiz Steppes, Government of Astrakhan, is declared infected by plague.